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# Dark Nights (I < 3 Aphmau)











### Chapter 1 by Nini Reyes

Giving teacher PROF MICHELLE ZEUS is arguing with admirable swordsman SIR MATHIAS SMITH. MICHELLE tries to hug MATHIAS but he shakes her off.

#### MICHFIIF-

Please Mathias, don't leave me.

#### MATHIAS-

I'm sorry Michelle, but I'm looking for somebody a bit more brave. Somebody who faces her fears head on, instead of running away.

#### MICHELLE-

I am such a person!

MATHIAS frowns.

#### MATHIAS-

I'm sorry. Michelle, Liust don't feel excited by this relationship anymore.

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#### MICHELLE-

Goodness, Laura! Is everything okay?

#### LAURA-

I'm afraid not.

#### MICHELLE-

What is it? Don't keep me in suspense...

#### LAURA-

It's ... a Dark knights ... I saw an evil Dark knights kidnap a bunch of children!

#### MICHELLE-

Defenseless children?

#### LAURA-

Yes, defenseless children!

### MICHELLE-

Bloomin' heck, Laura! We've got to do something.

#### LAURA-

I agree, but I wouldn't know where to start.

#### MICHELLE-

You can start by telling me where this happened.

#### LAURA-

I was...

LAURA fans herself and begins to wheeze.

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MICHELLE springs up and begins to run.

#### EXT. A ROAD - CONTINUOUS

MICHELLE rushes along the street, followed by LAURA. They take a short cut through some back gardens, jumping fences along the way.

### INT. QUALITY CAFE - SHORTLY AFTER

JOSHUA BOND a stupid Dark knights terrorises two children.

MICHELLE, closely followed by LAURA, rushes towards JOSHUA, but suddenly stops in her tracks.

#### LAURA-

What is is? What's the matter?

#### MICHELLE-

That's not just any old Dark knights, that's Joshua Bond!

#### I AURA-

Who's Joshua Bond?

#### MICHELLE-

Who's Joshua Bond? Who's Joshua Bond? Only the most stupid Dark knights in the universe!

#### LAURA-

Blinkin' knickers, Michelle! We're going to need some help if we're going to stop the most stupid Dark knights in the universe!

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#### **MICHELLE**

I'm going to need swords, lots of swords.

Joshua turns and sees Michelle and Laura. He grins an evil grin.

#### **JOSHUA**

Michelle Zeus, we meet again.

#### LAURA

You've met?

#### **MICHELLE**

Yes. It was a long, long time ago...

#### EXT. A PARK - BACK IN TIME

A young MICHELLE is sitting in a park listening to some R & B music, when suddenly a dark shadow casts over her.

She looks up and sees JOSHUA. She takes off her headphones.

#### **JOSHUA**

Would you like some toffees?

MICHELLE's eyes light up, but then he studies JOSHUA more closely, and looks uneasy.

#### **MICHELLE**

I don't know, you look kind of stupid.

#### JOSHUA

Me? No. I'm not stupid. I'm the least stupid Dark knights in the world.

#### **MICHELLE**

Mait voulre a Dark knight?

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#### JOSHUA

You were a coward then, and you are a coward now.

#### **LAURA**

(To MICHELLE) You ran away?

#### **MICHELLE**

(To LAURA) I was a young child. What was I supposed to do?

MICHELLE turns to JOSHUA.

#### **MICHELLE**

I may have run away from you then, but I won't run away this time!

MICHELLE runs away.

She turns back and shouts.

#### MICHFILE

I mean, I am running away, but I'll be back - with swords.

#### **JOSHUA**

I'm not scared of you.

#### **MICHELLE**

You should be.

INT. HAMSTFAD HFATH - LATER THAT DAY

MICHELLE and LAURA walk around searching for something.

#### **MICHELLE**

I feel sure I left my swords somewhere around here.

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#### LAURA

We've been searching for ages. I really don't think they're here.

Suddenly, JOSHUA appears, holding a pair of swords.

#### **JOSHUA**

Looking for something?

#### LAURA

Crikey, Michelle, he's got your swords.

#### **MICHELLE**

Tell me something I don't already know!

#### LAURA

The earth's circumference at the equator is about 40,075 km.

#### **MICHELLE**

I know that already!

LAURA.

#### **JOSHUA**

(appalled) Dude!

While JOSHUA is looking at LAURA with disgust, MICHELLE lunges forward and grabs her deadly swords. He wields them, triumphantly.

#### **MICHELLE**

Prepare to die, you stupid carrot!

#### JOSHUA

No placed All I did was kidnan a hunch of childerent

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I cannot tolerate that kind of behaviour! Those children were defenceless! Well now they have a defender - and that's me! Michelle

Zeus defender of innocent children.

#### **JOSHUA**

Don't hurt me! Please!

#### **MICHELLE**

Give me one good reason why I shouldn't use these swords on you right away!

#### **JOSHUA**

Because Michelle, I am your father.

MICHELLE looks stunned for a few moments, but then collects herself.

#### **MICHELLE**

No you're not!

#### JOSHUA

Ah well, it had to be worth a try.

JOSHUA tries to grab the swords but MICHELLE dodges out of the way.

#### MICHFILE

Who's the daddy now? Huh? Huh?

Unexpectedly, JOSHUA slumps to the ground.

#### LAURA

Did he just faint?

### MICHELLE

I think so. Well that's disappointing. I was rather hoping for a more dramatic conclusion,

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Be careful, Michelle. It could be a trick.

#### **MICHELLE**

No, it's not a trick. It appears that... It would seem... Joshua Bond is dead!

### LAURA

What?

#### **MICHELLE**

Yes, it appears that I scared him to death.

LAURA claps her hands.

#### LAURA

So your swords did save the day, after all.

MATHIAS steps forward.

#### **MATHIAS**

Is it true? Did you kill the stupid Dark knights?

#### **MICHELLE**

Mathias how long have you been...?

MATHIAS puts his arm around MICHELLE.

#### **MATHIAS**

Long enough.

#### **MICHELLE**

Then you saw it for yourself. I killed Joshua Bond.

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#### **MATHIAS**

You are their hero.

The childeren bow to MICHELLE.

#### **MICHELLE**

There is no need to bow to me. I seek no worship. The knowledge that Joshua Bond will never kidnap childeren ever again, is enough for me.

#### **MATHIAS**

You are humble as well as brave!

One of the childeren passes MICHELLE a healing necklace

#### **MATHIAS**

I think they want you to have it, as a symbol of their gratitude.

#### **MICHELLE**

I couldn't possibly.

Pause.

#### **MICHELLE**

Well, if you insist.

MICHELLE takes the necklace.

#### MICHFILE

Thank you.

The children bow their heads once more, and leave.

MICHELLE turns to MATHIAS.

#### **MICHELLE**

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#### **MICHELLE**

Well you can't have me.

#### **MATHIAS**

WHAT?

#### **MICHELLE**

You had no faith in me. You had to see my scare a Dark knights to death before you would believe in me. I don't want a lover like that.

### **MATHIAS**

But...

### MICHELLE-

Please leave. I want to spend time with the one person who stayed with me through thick and thin - my best friend, Laura.

LAURA grins.

MATHIAS-

But...

#### LAURA

You heard the lady. Now be off with you. Skidaddle! Shoo!

#### **MATHIAS**

Michelle?

### MICHELLE-

I'm sorry Mathias, but I think you should skidaddle.

### MATHIAS leaves.

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MICHELLE			
Of course you are!			
The two walk off arm in arm.			
Suddenly LAURA stops.			
LAURA			
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